

THREATS BY KAISER

Wants to Find Man Who Published Famous Memoirs.

BISMARCKS ARE SUSPECTED

Most Damaging Part of Iron Chancellor's Narrative Has Not Yet Been Made Public—Fate of Count Arnim Recalled in Connection with the Recent Disclosures in Germany.

Berlin, Oct. 26.—It has been learned from an influential authority in Berlin that the Kaiser has appointed one of his chamberlains, with the title of chief of police, to inquire into the circumstances attending the publication of the memoirs of Prince Bismarck.

Several members of the late Imperial Chancellor's family, some of them still in the state service, have already given assurances on oath that they had no hand in it, and were quite unaware of the publication; and it is obviously hoped that the process of elimination will enable the authorities to fix the responsibility in the proper quarter.

Meanwhile the name of a former very prominent German Ambassador, who was one of the Kaiser's earliest friends, is being mentioned as the inspirer of the publication at this moment.

Aimed at Bismarcks.

There are observers of the Kaiser's policy who assert that these implied threats to the Bismarcks are in reality directed at the Bismarcks, as the latter have it in their power to publish what is generally believed to be the much more damaging third part of the Iron Chancellor's own memoirs, and they may exercise their power unless they are stopped.

It is just exactly ten years since Prince Bismarck was compiling a narrative of all the circumstances of the closing days of his chancellorship, in which his resignation was frankly, and in detail, discussed; and it was stated at the time, from an authoritative source, that the Kaiser had written an autograph letter to the prince, directing him, in preparation of the memoirs, to desist from the publication of such secrets of state as were in his possession, and threatening the suppression of any work in which such disclosures might first appear.

Count Arnim's Fate Recalled.

This step, it was stated, was accompanied by a broad hint, recalling the fate of Count Arnim, whose name has again been heard within the past few days in connection with the memoirs. The charge was that the diplomat had used state documents in his publication. He was first sentenced to two months' imprisonment for her act in doing so, and then, on a subsequent trial, was sentenced to five years' penal servitude for treason and for calumniating the Emperor William I and Prince Bismarck. In a publication in which he was held to be concerned—an act of personal revenge on Bismarck's part which has never been forgiven by Arnim's friends.

PRINCES REBUFF MOTHER.

Decline Affection of Crown Princess Who Eloped with Tutor.

Munich, Bavaria, Oct. 25.—Another slight has been inflicted upon the Countess Montijo, formerly Crown Princess Louise, of Saxony, who was separated from her husband in 1903, and this time it is the Princess's own children who have added to the sorrows of their mother in punishment for her act in eloping with their tutor. Arrangement was made for the Countess to meet her sons, Prince George and Frederick, at the Continental Hotel, today.

When the Countess saw her sons she rushed toward them and attempted to embrace them, but both boys declined to accept her caresses. While treating her contemptuously, they were decidedly cool, treating the former Princess as if she were a stranger.

This rebuff at the hands of her own children grieved the countess exceedingly, and she cried passionately during the greater part of her interview with them, which lasted an hour. The countess was accompanied to the hotel by her mother, the Grand Duchess of Tuscany.

PLANS TO IRRIGATE FORMOSA.

Japanese Expert Declares Island Can Be Made Very Productive.

Tokyo, Oct. 25.—Japan is planning an extensive irrigation system for Formosa, and the statesmen say that when the improvement is completed the island will be the garden spot of the world.

The island is high at the center and slopes sharply toward the east. All sides as a result suffer for lack of water except when the rains are heavy, and when there is rain the water is so muddy that it is useless for irrigation.

Baron Goto, who is pushing the irrigation project, figures that it will be easy to increase vastly the rice and sugar crops, supply power for factories, convert the salt monopoly into a source of revenue, and create a great paper manufacturing industry. He estimates the cost at about 150,000,000 yen, or \$50,000,000, and thinks the project would pay for itself in twenty-five years.

HAS WIRELESS TELEPHONE.

Danish Inventor Claims He Can Send Messages Long Distances.

Berlin, Oct. 25.—Claim to have discovered a method of transmitting telephonic messages by wireless, is made by Waldemar Poulsen, the Danish inventor, who has made a diligent study of wireless telegraphy. Poulsen is the inventor of a wireless system of his own, which he claims enables him to send messages without danger of their being "tapped." His new discovery, he asserts, will enable him to transmit telephonic messages without the use of wires for the same distance a wireless telegraphic dispatch can be sent.

Outlook Bright, Says Ide.

Honolulu, Oct. 25.—Former Governor General Ide, of the Philippines, has arrived on the steamer Kong Maru, en route to San Francisco. In an interview Gov. Ide said the Philippines are rapidly learning municipal methods. They elect their own officials, and he predicts that within ten years they will be an integral part of the United States. He further said the islands were more completely pacified now than ever before. Those remaining in opposition to American authority are only religious fanatics.

Selling Bibles Too Cheaply.

Brussels, Oct. 25.—Charging that the printing house of Desclée & Lefebvre, at Tournai, is selling Bibles so cheaply that their employees make less than living wages, the men have struck for higher wages. The printers and binders say enormous quantities of the Bibles are exported and sold, particularly in West Africa, while the firm's employees receive but 50 to 70 cents daily.

Cruiser Made a Chevalier.

Paris, Oct. 25.—The decoration of the Legion of Honor was conferred on the Carabon, the train, at the Trocadero, at a musical fete for the benefit of the Association of Dramatic Artists.

MARLBOROUGHS TO SEPARATE.

Duke Renounces All Money Claims for His Freedom.

London, Oct. 25.—Renouncing the money of his wife, formerly Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, of New York, the Duke of Marlborough has consented to a separation from the duchess. This is the latest gossip going the rounds in relation to the marital troubles of the well known peer.

Terms for the separation of the couple have already been agreed to, according to this report. The duchess will get Sunderland House and the duke will have all right to any portion of the fortune settled on his wife at the time of their marriage. The income from this marriage settlement is said to amount to \$15,000 annually. All that the duke will really profit will be to the extent of the repairs made by the duchess at Blenheim.

Neglect of his wife is said to have led to the troubles of the duke. His conduct has been criticized for a long time, and it is reported that a year ago King Edward talked to Marlborough in behalf of his wife, but without accomplishing any good. The final tiff came when the duchess refused to accompany her husband on a fishing trip to Scotland.

FRENCH CHAMBERS MEET.

New Cabinet Not Present, and the Session Is Short.

Paris, Oct. 25.—The French Parliament reassembled at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The sessions were robbed of all interest owing to the fact that the new cabinet was unable to present itself. Premier Clemenceau, having previously officially advised the presidents of the chambers that the ministerial declaration would not be ready for several days. Consequently the sessions of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies were brief and perfunctory and both chambers adjourned until November 5. The only business transacted was the appointment by the Senate of a commission to consider the proposition to amend the articles of the Constitution to the effect of the article of the Constitution.

Among the diplomats present in the Chamber of Deputies was Ambassador McCormick. Both President Brisson and President Dubouche, in calling their respective chambers, made feeling references to the national bereavement in the loss of the submarine boat *Luth* and her crew of two officers and fourteen men on Bizerta, Tunis.

ASKS ENGLISH NAVAL REFORM.

London Standard Complains that Seamen Come to the United States.

London, Oct. 26.—The Standard, which is carrying on a daily campaign in favor of government naval reforms, complains today against the proposed extension of short service, saying that besides tending to destroy the sea-going efficiency of the men it will benefit the United States navy. It declares that experience with the partial short service during the last three years has shown that large numbers of discharged men, if they do not drift into the ranks of the unemployed, go to the United States, where, being highly trained, they are naturally welcomed in the navy and highly paid.

FRENCH COMPOSER ILL.

Saint-Saens, on Way to America, May Not Be Able to Appear.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 25.—News of the serious illness of Camille Saint-Saens, the famous French composer, who is on his way to this country, was made public today by C. A. Ellis, manager of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, with which organization Saint-Saens was to have appeared on October 30.

Mr. Ellis received a wireless message from the surgeon of the steamer *La Provence* stating that the illness was serious, but not mentioning the nature of it. This morning Saint-Saens first visited this country, where he was to have appeared in many cities, conducting his own compositions and playing in some of his own concertos. He had been invited to appear with the New York and Chicago Symphony orchestras.

FIRE BREAKS UP BANQUET.

Speaker Cannon Hurriedly Leaves Festival Board in Burning Hotel.

Paris, Ill., Oct. 25.—Fire, which broke out at the Paris Hotel, caused a hurried adjournment of a banquet at which Speaker Joseph G. Cannon was being entertained by local Republican politicians. The speaker and guests repaired to a nearby restaurant, where a hearty lunch was partaken of prior to the meeting which Mr. Cannon addressed at the court-house.

CORTES OPPOSES ALFONSO.

Bill Dealing with Religious Associations Not Favored.

Madrid, Oct. 25.—King Alfonso, having formally approved the draft of the government's bill dealing with religious associations, it was submitted to the Cortes today, when Seniors Montano Rios and Seniors Montano Rios and Seniors Montano Rios, who are members of the Cortes, criticized the measure, and as they and their followers appear to intend to support the Conservative hostility to the bill, it is reported the government will forthwith provoke a division to test its strength.

OPENS NEW BERLIN THEATER.

American Dancer Trained Children Who Figured in the Performance.

Berlin, Oct. 25.—The first of a series of five new theaters, being built in the suburbs, was opened to-night at Nollendorf Platz with an excellent performance of the new theater, "The Tempest." One of the features was a troupe of small children as fairies, who had been trained by Isidora Duncan, the well-known American barefoot dancer. They were a big success. Many Americans were present.

Dreyfus Is Given a Command.

Paris, Oct. 25.—Maj. Dreyfus, who was detailed for duty with one of the artillery regiments at Vincennes, has been given an independent command at St. Denis.

Will Hold Big Motor Show.

Stockholm, Oct. 25.—Sweden, Norway, and Denmark are to co-operate in a motor show at Stockholm next year. Manufacturers from all nations will be asked to send exhibits, and many matters pertaining to the use of motor conveyances will be discussed.

Gives Work to 1,000 Men.

Shanghai, Pa., Oct. 25.—The Bar Valley shaft, owned by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, was placed in operation today. When a new breaker is completed, work will be given to over 1,000 employees.

Sunken Submarine Towed In.

Bizerta, Tunis, Oct. 25.—The floating dock and tugs have now brought the submarine boat *Luth*, which is still afloat, up to the surface, to the entrance of the inner port.

NEGRO FEARS A MOB

Joseph Thomas Faces Four Charges at Alexandria.

BEGS SHERIFF TO SAVE HIM

Believed to Be Assailant of Miss Mabel Risley—Also Charged with Murder—Slayer of Charles Smith Is Still at Large and Police Are Without Clue to His Whereabouts.

WASHINGTON HERALD BUREAU. (Bell Telephone No. 115.) Corner Prince and Reed Streets.

Alexandria, Va., Oct. 25.—After being surrounded by the District officials to the Virginia authorities on a requisition from the governor of the State, Joseph Thomas, colored, alias John Wright, was taken before Judge Charles E. Nicol, in the Alexandria County Circuit Court, this evening, and arraigned on the charges of murder, criminal assault, attempted criminal assault, and assault with intent to kill. In each case he entered pleas of not guilty.

He will be placed on trial next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, but the indictment, which will be taken up first has not yet been determined upon. It is understood, however, that the prisoner will be tried first on the charge of criminally attacking Miss Mabel Risley near Luna Park several weeks ago.

When Thomas was arraigned, Commonwealth Attorney Mackey informed the court that the prisoner was then without counsel, and Judge Nicol assigned Attorneys James E. Clements and Basil Rotler to conduct the defense. Mr. Mackey will notify counsel to-morrow as to which case he will take up first.

Many people were at the courthouse when Thomas was taken to the jail there, and a big crowd gathered about the prison to get a look at the negro. The prisoner seemed almost overcome with fear, apparently believing that a lynching party was being formed. He begged Sheriff Palmer and Jailer Collins to protect him from violence, and seemed much relieved when once safely behind the heavy bars of his cell.

Attorney Mackin said a speedy trial would probably secure the prisoner from the danger of mob violence.

Thomas is under indictment for the murder of Jackson Beck, colored, on the night of August 23 last; a criminal attack upon Anne Green, a colored woman, who was the companion of Beck on the night of the murder; attempted criminal attack upon Miss Mabel Risley, and assault with intent to kill upon Forrest Goodling.

Fire Boat Demonstrates.

How a possible conflagration on the river front can be fought efficiently was demonstrated to-day by the fireboat *Pine-fighter*, of Washington, which anchored at the Cameron street wharf this morning at 9 o'clock, and soon had three giant streams of water playing high above the old brick houses. The fireboat men operated 800 feet of hose, in three sections, extending from the wharf to Fairfax street, a distance of three squares. A crowd of several hundred citizens gathered to see the demonstration. The fireboat was commanded by Chief Petty, of the Alexandria Fire Department, at whose instance the exhibition was made. Others connected with the local fire department were present.

Johnson Still at Large.

Nothing new had developed up to a late hour to-night in the efforts on the part of the police to discover some clue to the whereabouts of William Johnson, the negro who murdered Charles T. Smith in this city last Saturday night. An investigation of a report that a man thought to be the negro Robinson, charged with complicity in the murder, had been seen going to a railroad camp near Quantico, Va., had been made.

Mayor Paif has withheld his approval of the bill passed by the city council Tuesday evening appropriating \$500 as a reward for the capture and conviction of the murderer. The mayor holds, it is stated, that such an appropriation is not authorized under the Virginia statute applying in such cases. This law, it is pointed out, provides that a sum not greater than \$500 can be paid in certain cases for a criminal's arrest. A meeting of the council will probably be held to-morrow evening at the request of the mayor to take the matter up.

Idle Negroes Arrested.

In connection with the crusade recently inaugurated by the police against idle colored persons in certain sections of the city who loaf about with apparently no means of support, Chief Goods and Po-Heyman Nicholson last night rounded up Lucy Sheppard, Everett Stanton, Pearl Hawkins, and Estelle Bouy, young colored women, to answer the charge of vagrancy. In the Police Court this morning Justice Caton sentenced each of the women to six months in jail.

The funeral of Mrs. Anna Lee Kaus, whose death occurred yesterday morning, will take place from the residence of her sister, Mrs. C. W. Fleet, 221 Queen street, to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. A. Jeffers, of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, will perform the ceremony, and the interment will be made in Bethel Cemetery.

In the Alexandria County Circuit Court to-day the jury in the case of Arthur G. Williams against the Washington, Arlington and Falls Church Railway Company, which was a suit for \$1,000 damages for alleged forcible ejection from a car, returned a verdict for the defendant company.

Miss Mildred Sheekelford and Miss Helen Nottingham, of Culpeper County, Va., are visiting Miss Fannie Smith at her home, 801 Duke street.

KILLED BY A BARTENDER.

Robert Morgan Shot by Man Whose Position He Had Taken.

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 25.—Robert Morgan, a bartender, was shot and instantly killed here this afternoon by John T. Jones, another bartender. The men had been drinking together.

There were no eyewitnesses to the tragedy, but it is alleged that Jones shot Morgan because the latter succeeded him in the position he had held. Jones surrendered to the police.

BODY STILL UNIDENTIFIED.

Dead Man at Annapolis Thought to Belong to Anne Arundel County.

Annapolis, Md., Oct. 25.—The body of a white man which was found floating in the local harbor last night has not yet been identified. It is thought, however, that the man was a resident of Anne Arundel County. The man was about sixty years old, and is over six feet in height.

Virginia Girl a Bride.

Fredericksburg, Va., Oct. 25.—St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church in King George County was the scene of a beautiful wedding last evening, when Miss Eleanor Lewis Washington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Washington, of Dumfries Farm, became the bride of Mr. Bernard Scott, of Popes Creek, Md. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. T. Turner. After a Northern tour they will reside at Popes Creek.

PEARRE AND SPESSARD SPEAK.

Opposing Candidates for Congress Stumping Montgomery County.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Boyd, Md., Oct. 25.—In Masonic Hall at Gaithersburg quite a large number of persons attended the opening of the Republican campaign in Montgomery County. Congressman George A. Pearre made a strong speech, receiving liberal applause from the audience. Gallen L. Tait and others spoke.

While Mr. Pearre was in Gaithersburg, Hon. Harry R. Spessard, his opponent, was opening a three days' Democratic campaign in Montgomery County in the town hall at Poolesville, where a very enthusiastic audience greeted him. He denounced the tariffs and trusts. Bowie F. Waters and Philip D. Laird, of Montgomery County, were the other speakers. Hon. Blair Lee and Mr. Spessard will speak at Germantown to-morrow night and at Olney Saturday night, closing the campaign.

NEGRO LAD FOUND GUILTY.

Verdict of Manslaughter Against Sixteen-year-old Slayer.

Special to The Washington Herald. Annapolis, Md., Oct. 25.—The Circuit Court to-day had its second murder trial, the jury returning a verdict of manslaughter in the case of William Brown, a sixteen-year-old colored lad of Baltimore, charged with the murder of Morris Owings, another negro youth of Baltimore. Brown shot Owings with a revolver. Both negroes were members of the Pythian Cadet Corps (colored), of Pasadena, a colored resort ten miles from Annapolis.

Brown admitted the killing, but said it was accidental, claiming that he fired the revolver to frighten his companions, who were attempting to escape from the guard tent. Court did not pass sentence.

CONTRACT FOR STREET WORK.

Citizens Pay Share of Cost of Work in Fredericksburg.

Special to The Washington Herald. Fredericksburg, Va., Oct. 25.—At a meeting of the city council last night, the contract for the improvement of the east side of Washington avenue was let to McDaniel & Musselman, contractors, of this city. The improvements will consist of a macadamized roadbed, granite curbs, and a four-foot walk way of granite tiles. The property owners on that side of the avenue have agreed to pay two-thirds of the cost, the city paying the other third.

MUST HELP CAMPAIGN FUND

Baltimore City Laborers Are Assessed by Politicians.

Matter Brought Before Board of Estimates by Labor Leaders—Mayor Says He Has Heard Complaints.

Baltimore, Oct. 25.—That day laborers in the employ of the city are forced to belong to political clubs, forced to pay their dues in such clubs, and forced to make contributions to the political parties was the direct charge made to-day before the board of estimates by President Edward Hirsch, of the Federation of Labor. His statements were verified by R. E. Lee, of the Paperhangers' Union.

When Mr. Hirsch made the charge the members of the board laughed it off, evidently believing he was joking. Mr. Hirsch appeared indignant, and asked Mr. Galtner whether he knew that day laborers are still forced to pay politics. Mr. Galtner replied most positively that he did not know it, and furthermore, that he did not believe it.

Then Mr. Hirsch repeated the charge in more detail, and declared that no laboring man could get a position under the city unless he had the backing of his city councilman and was not opposed by his political organization; nor could the laboring man hold his position unless he paid his club dues and contributed to the political campaign funds.

"On two occasions that I recall now," said the mayor, "city employees have come to me and said that they were threatened with dismissal if they did not pay political assessments. One man was a Democrat, one was a Republican. I told both of them the same thing—that if they were to do so, they were to do so on their own initiative, and not contribute to the campaign funds, but if they were unable or unwilling, there was no law in the world to force them."

WANTS FULL VOTE POLLED.

Chairman Doherty at Richmond Asks Suggestions from Democrats.

Special to The Washington Herald. Richmond, Va., Oct. 25.—Recognizing the lack of interest in the coming election, when only a Congressman and a city treasurer are to be voted for in Richmond, Chairman Doherty has adopted the plan of publishing a series of letters from public men in answer to his request to know the best reasons why Richmond Democrats should go to the polls.

Gov. Swanson's reply is the first letter published. The governor extolls the high character of Capt. Lamb, candidate for Congress, and Mr. Pace, and expresses the earnest hope that the Democrats will give them a complimentary vote.

WEATHER DAMAGES CROPS.

Virginia Farms Lose Corn and Much Tobacco Is Damaged.

Special to The Washington Herald. Lynchburg, Va., Oct. 25.—The present extended spell of wet weather is playing havoc with the prospects of farmers in Central Virginia. For the past two months, and especially the past forty days, the wet weather has been so prolonged that planters have been unable to get their corn crop out of the shock.

Tobacco growers are suffering equally as much. Many of the crops were damaged by the excessive rains during the harvest season, and since the tobacco has been lost an immense amount of labor has been spent on it to keep it from becoming absolutely worthless.

Rockville to Tax Dogs.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rockville, Md., Oct. 25.—At a meeting of the Rockville town council last evening an ordinance was passed wherein a tax is levied upon every dog. The property of any citizen of this town. Each dog will be required to wear a tax number, and any dog found by the sheriff without such number after December 1 next will subject its owner to a fine of from \$2 to \$5.

Mrs. Ellen Douglas Oliver Is Dead.

Special to The Washington Herald. Fredericksburg, Va., Oct. 25.—Mrs. Ellen Douglas Oliver, aged seventy-two years, died yesterday at her home in Irvington, Lancaster County. One son, Dr. George H. Oliver, of Irvington, survives her.

Confederate Veteran Passes Away.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Fredericksburg, Va., Oct. 25.—John W. Cummins, a Confederate veteran, died a few days ago at his home in Parquet County after an illness of long duration.

Moore Investigation Ends.

The Civil Service Commission has Completed Its Inquiry into Charges that Willis G. Moore, Chief of the Weather Bureau, Had Made Efforts to Compel Printers Employed in the Bureau to pay Assessments of 10 per Cent of their Salaries to the Strike Fund of the Typographical Union.

The findings have been placed in the hands of the President.

Indian Tongue Twisters.

Prospective settlers in the Klondike-Comanche country will have to learn how to twist their tongues around hard Indian names if they do business in any of the newly selected town sites.

The names agreed upon by the Treasury commissioners are Kookkazachy, Alpeadone, Eshiti, Quannah, Isadore, and Ramadone.

Congressman Jones to Speak.

Fredericksburg, Va., Oct. 25.—Congressman W. A. Jones, the Democratic primary nominee for Congress from the First District, will address the voters in the courthouse, this city, on Friday night, November 2.

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CONFEDERATES IN PARADE.

Large Attendance at Reunions Being Held at Ronoke.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Ronoke, Va., Oct. 25.—The chief event of the second day of the nineteenth annual reunion of the Grand Camp, United Confederate Veterans of Virginia, was the parade in the afternoon, which attracted many thousands. The parade was one hour passing a given point and included in its line the veterans, Sons of Veterans, Daughters of the Confederacy, and other organizations.

Mrs. William Mahone, widow of Gen. "Billy" Mahone, and Mrs. Lucy Lee Hill Magill, daughter of Gen. A. P. Hill, rode in an open carriage at the head of the procession.

Every train to-day brought in large numbers of veterans and other visitors, and the attendance at the business session of the Grand Camp was the largest in many years.

To-night the old warriors held a campfire and smoked at Assembly Hall and lived over the days of '64. It was an affair that those who passed the sentinels will not soon forget. The Sons of Veterans held a session to-day. The final business sessions of both the veterans and the sons will be held to-morrow.

MINISTER SUES FOR \$25,000.

Rev. A. C. Boyd Wants Big Damages from Conference.

Special to The Washington Herald. Baltimore, Oct. 25.—Rev. Alexander C. Boyd, who is at present in Cecil County, Md., filed a suit for \$25,000 damages in the Superior Court yesterday afternoon against the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church for alleged defamation of character, and because he claims to have been ousted from the pastorate of his church in Clayton, Del., last week.

Some time ago, he asserts, the trustees of the conference trumped up charges against him, though he does not state the charges. He says he was not given a proper chance to defend himself before his church at Clayton was taken away from him.

BREAK STOPS CANAL TRAFFIC.

Nearly One Hundred Feet of C. & O. Towpath Gives Way.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hagerstown, Oct. 25.—Nearly a hundred feet of the towpath bank of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal on the five-mile level, two miles below Sharpsburg, gave way yesterday, causing a serious break and stopping navigation on the waterway.

The gap is about twenty-five feet deep, extending nearly fifteen feet below the bottom of the canal. The break was caused, it is reported, by a leak in the bank at that point, which is close to the "slack water" where the canal and Potomac River join. The break will be repaired as soon as possible.

FIRE IN PRINTING PLANT.

Michie Law Publishing House Narrowly Escapes Destruction.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Charlottesville, Va., Oct. 25.—The plant of the Michie Law Publishing Company, the largest law publishing house in the South, narrowly escaped destruction by fire to-night. The flames were confined to the third floor, the main loss being due to the water which flooded the building, damaging the library, valued at \$15,000, together with the large stock of bound publications, linotype machines, and presses. The loss, which will amount to several thousand dollars, is fully covered by insurance.

TRUSTED EMPLOYEE CAUGHT.

Richmond Man Who Carried Off Cash Box Is Arrested.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 25.—C. O. Ehrler, a trusted employee of the Stephen Putney Shoe Company, who disappeared a week ago with the cash box of the firm, containing several hundred dollars in money and valuable papers, was traced to Philadelphia by a Richmond detective and arrested. Requisition papers were issued for him to-day,